

REMARKS

The specification has been amended so as to overcome the Examiner's objection.

Claims 1 and 6 - 8 have been rejected by the Examiner as being anticipated by Wollenweber (US 4 776 168) and by Sumser et al. (US 5 758 500).

However, claims 3 and 4 have been indicated by the Examiner to include allowable subject matter.

Although it is believed that it cannot be clearly derived from the cited references that the turbine blades are arranged so as to define between circumferentially adjacent blades at the semi-axial second inlet flow channel, a flow cross-section, which has a minimum at its inlet end, whereby, during motor braking when the pressure in the exhaust duct to the turbine is increased, the gas speed at the inlet to the turbine blades of the turbine wheel reaches a certain speed (close to the speed of sound) such that further gas flow speed increases are blocked, the subject matter of claim 3 has been included in claim 1 so that claim 1 should now be patentable.

Claim 3 has been canceled.

The remaining claims 2 and 4 - 8 are all directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1 and, consequently, include all the features of claim 1. They should therefore be patentable together with claim 1.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 2 and 4 to 8 is solicited.

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